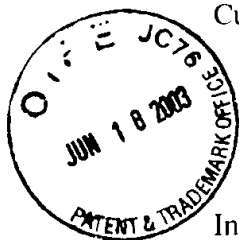


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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 18, 2003. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 15, add claim 21, and amend claims 2-3, 12, 16, and 19-20 to read as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A fluid filter having two ends comprising:

an inlet for passage of fluid into said filter;

an outlet for passage of fluid leaving said filter;

a filter media disposed between said inlet and said outlet, for filtering said fluid the filter media substantially coaxial with the inlet and outlet;

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